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TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, UN

SUBJECT: UNHCR AND REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. WE CONTINUE TO BE DISMAYED BY THE UNHCR'S DELAY IN DECLARING THOSE LEAVING VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA REFUGEES IN TERMS OF THE PROTOCOL AND CONVENTION ON THE STATUS OF REFUGEES AND UNDERTAKING THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT TRADITIONALLY FLOW FROM THESE UNDERSTANDINGS. TO DATE UNHCR HAS ONLY UNDERTAKEN TO SEND A LOW-KEY MISSION TO GUAM.

2. YOU SHOULD CALL ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND:

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A. EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE UNHCR'S TARDINESS

IN EXTENDING PROTECTION TO THE REFUGEES. WE EXPECT THIS PROTECTION TO BE EXTENDED QUICKLY AND COMMUNICATED

PUBLICLY AND DIRECTLY TO BOTH SIGNATORS AND NON-SIGNATORS OF THE PROTOCOL AND CONVENTION.

B. STATE OUR DISMAY AT UNHCR'S FAILURE TO SEEK RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH CLEARLY DEFINED VICTIMS OF TRAGEDY. WE WANT UNHCR TO CONTACT SIGNATORY STATES, DEVELOP RESETTLEMENT PLANS AND OBTAIN COMMITMENTS.

C. SAY THAT, SHOULD THE UNHCR'S PROTECTION AND GOOD OFFICES IN RESETTLEMENT NOT BE EXTENDED QUICKLY, WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE UNHCR DOES NOT DESERVE A CONTINUATION OF THE SUPPORT WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS TRADITIONALLY PROVIDED.

3. FYI: YOU SHOULD CONVEY THE ABOVE MESSAGE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. YOU KNOW HOW RAPIDLY DOMESTIC PRESSURES TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE REFUGEE PROBLEM ARE MOUNTING. UNHCR PARTICIPATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESS AND OUR APPROACH TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE EXTENSION OF UNHCR COVERAGE IS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE ESSENTIAL.

4. FOR GENEVA: YOU ARE TO TAKE ABOVE ACTION IF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM LEAVES VIENNA BEFORE EMBASSY CAN CONTACT HIM. KISSINGER

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